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1. A method for adding characterization data linked to an image, using a mobile terminal (10) including a means of digital image capture (22) and other means of linking and saving digital data (24, 27, 28, 29) capable of communicating with the image capture means (22), the method being implemented in a communication network (1) with coverage by cells (2-N+2), a cell ID being automatically linked to each cell, the method comprising the following steps:
  - a) automatically saving, in the mobile terminal (10), the cell ID (2-N+2) of the network which contains the geographic location (6, 7, 8) where the capture of at least one image (11) was performed using the mobile terminal (10);
  - b) automatically linking the cell ID containing the geographic location of the image capture (11) with a characterization identifier linked to the image capture entered using the terminal (10), to form a pair of these IDs;
  - c) automatically saving, in the mobile terminal (10), the ID pair formed in the step b).
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the forming of the ID pair is performed by automatically linking the respective IDs of at least two cells of a cell area, with a unique characterization identifier linked to the capture of at least one image performed in the at least two cells of the cell area.
3. The method according to claim 1, further comprising, during an image capture, the following steps:
  - a) automatically comparing the cell ID containing the geographic location of the image capture with the ID pairs saved in the mobile terminal (10);
  - b) automatically linking the cell ID containing the geographic location of the image capture with the characterization identifier linked to the corresponding image capture, the pair formed by said cell ID containing the geographic location of the image capture and the characterization identifier linked to the image capture being already saved in the mobile terminal (10).

4. The method according to claim 1, also comprising, during an image capture with the first terminal (10), the following steps:

- 5 a) automatically detecting at least one second mobile terminal placed in an environment close to the geographic location (6, 7 & 8) where the image capture is performed with the first terminal (10);
- b) automatically sending, from the first terminal (10) to the at least one second surrounding mobile terminal detected, a request containing the cell ID containing the geographic location of the image capture;
- 10 c) automatically comparing, in each at least one second surrounding terminal, the cell ID containing the geographic location of the image capture received in the request sent by the first terminal (10) with the ID pairs saved in the second terminal;
- d) automatically sending to the first terminal (10) the  
15 characterization identifier linked to the cell ID containing the geographic location of the image capture received in the request sent by the first terminal (10);
- e) automatically linking the cell ID containing the geographic location of the image capture with the characterization identifier linked to the image capture sent to form a pair of these IDs;
- 20 f) automatically saving, in the first terminal (10), the ID pair formed in the previous step e).

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the cell ID containing the geographic location of the image capture includes at least one  
25 character formed by a digit or an alphabetical letter.

6. A mobile terminal (10) comprising a digital image capture means (22) and data linking and saving means (24, 27, 28, 29) to implement the method according to any one of claims 1 to 5.